



## **GOSPEL REFLECTION.**

*The main function of the Season of Advent is to prepare us for Christmas. However, to understand Christmas, we must start at the beginning, with the history of salvation. God's plan for salvation is centered around Jesus and realized through him. Advent looks back at the promise of his first coming, when that plan was announced. And it looks forward to the Second Coming, when that plan will reach its complete fulfilment. And of course, it celebrates his actual birth in time.*

*The First Reading of the Advent Sundays mainly from Isaiah, are concerned with the Messiah. Isaiah kept the hopes of the people alive in very dark times. In today's reading we have the theme of universal peace and salvation. The Gospel and the Second Reading deal with the Lord's Second Coming, which the first Christians believed was going to happen very soon. All the readings call us to be ready for the Lord's coming, as we are urged to "Wake up", "Stay awake" and "Stand ready".*

## **Sacramental Preparation 2023 at Sacred Heart Hindley Green.**

*This is a notice for parents of baptised Catholic children who are in Year Four or above if they wish their child to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to receive First Holy Communion, there will be an invitation to attend a preparation meeting in January 2023. More details will follow nearer the date.*

## **Sacred Heart School Reception class Hindley Green applications 2023.**

*Families are warmly invited to come and tour the school. Please contact the school on 01942 767768 to book a place.*

## **Christmas Masses.**

*As per usual Christmas Masses are in big demand, so as not to disappoint anyone we will have a list of names to be offered for the masses. These will be read out at each church over the Christmas period. Please put the names forward so we can compile the list.*

## **Special Collection.**

*This weekend there will be a special collection for Foreign Priests Fund, please give generously.*

## **DONATIONS TO UKRAINE.**

*To donate, text:*

**HELPUKRAINE to 70085 to donate £2.**

**HELPUKRAINE to 70450 to donate £3.**

**HELPUKRAINE to 70460 to donate £5.**

**HELPUKRAINE to 70470 to donate £10.**

*Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.*

## **Warm and Cosy.**

*Our Parish centre at St. Richard's Atherton will be open Thursdays 1pm to 3-30pm.*

*There will be free tea, coffee and biscuits, access to TV and wifi and friendly company.*

## **Sacred Heart Hindley Green Christmas Fair.**

*A BIG Thanks to all who helped with our Christmas Fair and those who supported it.*

*We raise £2,300 which will be divided with our school as we used their facilities.*

## **A Legacy to Sacred Heart Church Hindley Green**

*The late Joan and John Mann who were knocked down and died on Swan Lane, have left Sacred Heart Church £10,000. We hope to buy something for the church in memory of them.*

## **Pilgrimage to Walsingham.**

*Parish of St John Rigby Pilgrimage to Walsingham, a deposit of £20 is required to secure a place on the pilgrimage which will be August 2023. Please give your deposit with your name and contact number in an envelope to Lauren on the week 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> /18<sup>th</sup> December*

## **Response to the Psalm....**

*"I rejoiced when I heard them say 'Let us go to God's house.'"*